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INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET THE SECOND TEST MATCH.

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SELECTION OF THE AUSTRALIAN
ELEVEN.
INCLUSION OF CONINGHAM AND A. H.
JARVIS.
THE CLAIMS OF A. E. TROTT.
POSITION OF CAPTAIN.
[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
MELBOURNE, THURSDAY.
The wonderful finish of the test match in
Sydney created an interest in the doings of
the Sydney Eleven that will probably never
abandon cricket. The test match has
been played, and if it should so turn
out that each side wins two of the first four
games the interest over the closing struggle in Mel-
bourne will be bound to be enormous. At first
some cricket experts feared that five matches
would be too many, and that for the
last couple Australia might have only a
drawn game. But now that nothing of

This kind need be feared, for all the colonies are equally anxious for revenge. The team chosen to represent Australia next Saturday is a fine team, and, without doubt, is stronger both in bowling and batting than the eleven which played in Sydney. There was no left-hander in the Sydney team, but in the team chosen last night there were two, Coningham and Bruce, and the presence of the Queenslanders gives the match an additional interest. He had a curious erratic career in England where, according to some members of the team, he pitched too many loose ones to leg.

but since we have been playing so far, we have done very well in all his important matches, getting three for 43 and five for 46 when playing against South Australia in Sydney last year, and four for 60 against Victoria. And, though the Englishmen scored heavily against him in Brisbane, he got half their wickets. A good left-hand bowler is necessary to complete any first rate team, and Coningham supplies the want. His 31 wickets in England cost him 18 runs a piece. There is still another view for a left-hander, as if the wickets are wet—and that is the promise at the time of writing—the Englishmen cannot score so readily from a left-hand as from a right-hand bowler. It is a fact that the Englishmen have

bowler by legging, from a distance, and by
on almost any pitch. The choice of the wicket-
keeper for the combined team excited some
controversy. Naturally the first duty in picking a
representative eleven is to get the best wicket-
keeper Australia can provide, irrespective of all
other qualifications, and in Blackham's enforce-
ment there is a consensus of opinion that A. H.
Jarvis is the man. When he kept the wickets in
the Adelaide match he caught four men and
stumped one. As for his batting, the Melbourne
bourse people have not forgotten that he
made 51 and 64 against Victorian bowlers in
last summer. It is funny, though, to hear many

man who, a little while ago, questioned Blackbush's right to be in the Eleven, now lambasting his own absence. After A. E. Trott's all round performance against New South Wales, it is a question whether any Australian team can be complete without him. He is not only an effective bowler, but a first-class short stop. This latter qualification is one which the Australians so badly wanted in their first test match. He made four very clever catches against the Englishmen in Melbourne, including three catches in the match just closed, really smart ones, and safe hands are what Australian cricketers just now as much as any cricketing quality need.

After his generalship in New South Wales, he

Trott has a chance of being chosen captain, but the objection to both him and George Giffen is that neither works his own bowling so judiciously as Blankman, for example, might work it. The defect in the team possibly is that they are a fair-weather Eleven, and under the typical Australian conditions should win; but if the match be played under anything like the same conditions as the one finished to-day, the result will decidedly be more open, for the English cricketers get twice as much experience on wet wickets as the Australians do. During their stay in Melbourne the South Australian team lost no opportunities of practice, and

both before and after the intercolonial match to-day they were at the nets. A great many of those who watched the game were waiting to see them bat. Lyons is batting finely in practice and as he declares he never felt better, this may be his opportunity. Both teams will practice to-morrow.

THE NEWCASTLE COAL TRADE.

MEETING OF LAMBTON MINERS
DEMAND FOR INCREASED RATES
A STRIKE ADVOCATED.
[BY TELEGRAPH.]
(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
NEWCASTLE, THURSDAY.
The Lambton miners, in accordance with a promise from Mr. T. Croudace, held their quarterly, cavi-today, resulting in places not being found for 35 men. This is 13 more than were excluded

last quarter. In the evening quarterly meeting was held in Hotel Lambton. Mr. D. Mason was in the chair and there was a large attendance. The treasurer's statement showed a total balance in hand to the credit of the lodge of only £23. After further routine business, the meeting proceeded to consider the minutes of the Delegate Board meeting on the 19th instant.

Mr. G. Errington, the lodge delegate, read the minutes and the list of reductions proposed by the managements of the various collieries worked by union men. He then read the delegate minute "That no further reduction in the

hewing rate be submitted to by the district." Mr. Binney referred to the Wallsend lodge, stating that Mr. Binney was asked if coal rose in price would he increase the hewing rate. He said no. The miners must accept his proposals just as they were submitted to them, whatever the selling price might be. The delegate stated that there had been three reductions lately made in the hewing rate under the pretence of securing trade, but the output had become much less. He stated that reductions would soon take place in the southern collieries bringing the hewing rate to 1s 9d, in order to compete with Newcastle. Then, when that came off, the Newcastle colliowers would want another reduc-

tion here in order to compete with the southern
collieries, and so it would go on till the men could
endure it no longer. He thought they might as
well be idle and starve as work under such star-
vation wages as would be offered to them.
That was his idea; but he wished every man
present to give his idea however crude it might be.
It was true that no reduction proposals had been
made to the Lambton men yet, but it was fully
believed that their manager was only playing
waiting game. (Applause.)

A speaker spoke warmly in support of the re-
solution, and also strongly against Mr. Binney's
proposal, which he said were not worthy of

The proprietors must be reminded that the miners were men, not serfs or slaves, and if they stood firm the masters must give in. He had calculated how much the Walstead miners could earn according to Mr. Binney's proposals, and maintained that it would not be sufficient to support a miner and his family.

Several speakers followed in a similar strain, and the motion was unanimously carried.

The delegate read the second and third resolutions,—“That an advance of 4d per ton in the hewing rate be demanded with other

... refused a ballot be taken as to whether there should be a strike or not." He said the resolution for an advance was too bluff, but was made in grim earnest by all the delegates. Local agreements were strongly recommended, by which the colliery should fix its own hewing rate. Perhaps it would be as well to fill both small and round together. At any rate, there must be a fixed minimum hewing rate, as before. He exhorted them to vote for the demand for an advance, in order that they might have what was known as a living wage.

A speaker was doubtful of the advisableness of asking for an advance at present. Some colliers had not yet received notice of the reduction of the present prices. He thought it would be better to first make sure of maintaining the present rate of 2s 24 before going further. He thought it better to let the motion for an advance stand over.

Another speaker, who for 44 years had been a

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